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A COLLISION IN MID-AIR.

ONE ENGINE HURLED FROM THE ELEVATED TRACK TO THE PAVEMENT.

IT STRIKES A WAGON AND SMASHES IT TO SPLINTERS - THE ENGINEER'S

NARROW ESCAPE.

There was a collision at a quarter to 10 o'cleck yesterday morning on the Third-ave, elevated read near One-hundred-and-eighteenth-st., between regular south-bound passenger train and a switch-engine, and with the usual good luck that attends accidents on the elevated roads, no one was seriously hurt, though a carload of passengers got a lively shaking up. There was gross carelessness somewhere. There are three tracks on the elevated road between Eighty-ninth and Onehundred-and-twenty-ninth sts., the third track being in the centre between the regular tracks. used to lay up the ears during the hours when the traffic on the road is light. being at One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth-st, and the other between One-hundred-and-eighteenth and One-hundred-and-nineteenth sts., and as the cars are put in service they are run upon the main tracks by a small drill engine. The drill engine is No. 33 and Charles E. Deutsch, of No. 103 Academy-st., Long Island City, is the fireman, and John P. Metz, of No. 194 East Seventy-sixth-st.,

Metz received an order from the station at Onehundred-and-twenty-ninth-st, to take one of the cars from a passenger train and lay it upon the centre track. He ran his engine up to rear of the train, picked up a car, and ran south to the switch at One-hundred-and-eighteenth-st. The switch was opened and the car was left on the centre track. When the switch is turned so that it opens to the centre track a red signal, which works automatically, is displayed on the west at One-hundred-and-twentieth-st. The switch cannot be opened without showing the red signal, which is a warning to all trains going south to come to a full stop. The drill engine ran about two blocks north on the centre track and then returned to the One-hundred-andeighteenth-st. switch, which had been left open Engineer Metz knowing that the red signal was up for his protection, sent the puffing little engine at a lively run across the switch without a thought of danger. He did not see that there was a train coming toward him on the downengine and get out of the way. This was one of the regular passenger trains, consisting of an engine and four cars, under the charge of Joseph Sweeny, of No. 324 East Eighty-fourth-st., engineer, and William A. Whitbeck, conductor. The red signal hung directly before Sweeny's eyes, but the speed of the train was not slackered. If he had been looking ahead he could not have failed to see the signal, and it is only charitable to suppose that he was looking the other way, and did not see the danger sign.

Sweeny did not notice the drill engine on the switch until he was within about fifty feet of it. Then he put on the air-brakes, which checked the speed of the train, but the distance was too short to bring it to a full stop. The cylinder of the passenger engine struck the rear end of the drill engine with terrific force. The cylinder-head was blown out and the crashing engines were enveloped in a cloud of vapor. The momentum of the heavy passenger train carried the drill enng in front of it for about forty feet, and it was then pushed off the track into the street. The engine turned over in the air and landed on top of Harris Goldman's paint wagon, which was standing in front of the store No. 2,174 Third-ave. The wagon was broken into splinters and some hot coal from the engine set the wood on fire Through a hole which had been made in the boiler the steam escaped with a terrible roar, and the people in the neighborhood were alarmed and came running out of their homes to see what was the matter. Some one rang a fire alarm, and the engines came dashing up and added to the excite-Their services were not ment and confusion.

The fireman, Deutsch, jumped from the drill engine before it was struck and escaped with a few slight bruises. The engineer, Metz, was not so fortunate. He also jumped, but did not go far enough. His feet were caught in the coal-box and he was dragged forty feet with his head bumping the ties. His scalp was cut severely in several places. When the chaine fell to the street he was pushed on the opposite side of the track and landed safely on the platform between the tracks, and thus escaped being crushed to death under the iron wheels of the engine, which ran by him about 100 feet before it could be stonged The engineer and fireman on the passenger engine stuck to the machine and were slightly bruised by being thrown against the coal-box. The drill engine was a total wreck but the passenger engine can be easily repaired.

The accident occurred at an hour and place when there were only a few passengers on the train. The sudden shock threw them from their seats, and one passenger's elbow was driver through a window. His hand was slightly cut with the broken glass. The passengers remained on the train, and were carried to the One-hundred and-sixteenth-st. station, where a new engine was obtained from the yard. The can were not damaged. The travel on the down-town track was delayed for an hour and three-quarters, while the rails, which had been twisted, were straightened. A section of the footpath and railing were torn away and this

twisted, were straightened. A section of the two topath and railing were torn away and this was all the damage done to the structure. Superintendent Campbell, who took charge of the workmen in clearing the track refused to talk about the accident, and referred reporters to Manager Hain. Mr. Hain said that he had leard of the accident, and that some one was evidently to blame. Whose fault it was could only be determined after the statements of all the new who were in the accident were turned. the men who were in the accident were turned into the company's office. Mr. Hom said that the affair would be thoroughly investigated, and that great care would be taken not to have the

Sweeney declined to make any detailed state-ment for publication when seen last night by a Tribune reporter.

I have already handed in my defence to the "I have already handed in my defence to the officers of the road," he said, "and will tell nothing more at present. The danger signal was hoisted, but not until I was too near the switch engine to stop in time to avoid a collision. The target should be shown at a distance of at least three blocks. In this case it was no seen until I was within a block of the engine. The was no excitement nor panic among the passengers on our train. I have been thirteen years in the service of the commany, and this is the first accident that has been faid to my account."

EX GOVERNOR GOODELL A CANDIDATE.

Boston, Jan. 11, (special).-The latest sensation is the Senatorship contest in New-Hampshire is the re-After the November election several prominent dicans had an interview with the Governor, and asked him to allow the use of his name as a candidate Soon after that he informed "The Boston Journal's" reporter that he should not give any consideration to that matter until after the legislative issue was settled, and that whatever he might do then would depend on various circumstances. Recently his friends are had another intelview with him, the result of which has not been made public, but there are those who predict that the ex-Governor will be in the list of aspirants.

EARTH UNDER A MINING TOWN SETTLING. Wilkesbarre, Penn., Jan. 11.—The ground in the vicinity of Port Bowhley, three miles from this city. is settling and the people of that village are becoming The pillars have been "robbed thoroughly alarmed. collieries and the sinking of the surface is attributed to this cause. The second district school, a handsome new building, has settled eight inches, and will have to be rebuilt. Up to this time the people have not yet moved out of their houses, but have everything ready to abandon them at a moment's notice.

* NOUNCING MCCARTHY.

THE LATTER ACCUSED OF TREACHERY-THE HAWARDEN CONFERENCE-LIBERALS AND THE LAND QUESTION-THE BATTLE

Limerick, Jan. 11 .- Fully 20,000 persons as sembled here to-day to greet Mr. Parnell, thousands coming from all the adjoining counties. In addresses Mr. Parnell made a long speech. He held that Mr. Gladstone had caused the present trouble by issuing a mandatory letter demanding that the Irish members depose their

Referring to Mr. Gladstone's denial of the accuracy of his statements regarding the interview at Hawarden, Mr. Parnell declared that he could now confirm their truth by a letter written March 18, bitterest enemy could not say he had any reason was sent to Cecil Rhodes, Premier of the Cape of Good Hope, an adherent of the cause of Home Rule. It stated that Mr. Gladstone and his colleagues had been considering fully the question of the retention of the Irish members at Westminster, and that Mr. Gladstone had told him that the retention of thirty-three members in the Imperial Parliament had finally been considered best for all purposes. Mr. Parnell here read the letter, proving that the statement he sent to Mr. Rhodes corresponded with assertions in his manifesto which Mr. Gladstone had contradicted.

He then proceeded to say that Mr. Gladstone peinted to his own public declarations, but it was difficult to make anything out of these, Mr. O'Brien, to whom he (Parnell) had communicated an outline of the Hawarden conversation, had a

Parnell said, he would now publish! Twenty-Carthy also communicated to him Mr. Gladstone's observations upon the outline of the manifesto, and there was no reference whatever then made by Mr. Gladstone against the manifesto, on the ground of breach of confidence. (Cries of "Hear,

tion, Mr. Parnell said he thought the action of the Liberals toward the Land bill proposed by so restricted, instead of being a source of strength, replies made by him to the question would in reality be a sham, landing them in decided symptoms a close recombine hotter water than they were in at present

country. It was ever to be regretted that their pelled them to press forward to a decision in the that time, instead of sending misleading cable dispatches across the Atlantic, ("Hear, hear") adament would have been extended and respected by him as it would have been compulsory for them. (Cheers.) Perhaps they might soon be able to say that it was better late than never-Cries of "Hear, hear!" and cheers.)

Mr. Parnell said that he could not forecast the result of the present negotiations without a breach of confidence. He thought, however, that Mr. O'Brien would not object to his saying that so far the negotiations had resulted in an agreement, and that they fully recognized that future steps will have to be taken by other men, upon whom a great responsibility will rest if Mr. O'Brien and himself are not again able to resume negotiaions with an assured hope of success. (Cheers that he had not been actuated by the contemptible and paltry motives attributed to him. As soon as the future of the Irish question was secured he would cheerfully retire from the leader ship of the Irish party. (Cries of "Not" He should scarcely be asked to lead the party

He should scarcely be asked to lead the party composed as it was at present. ("Hear, hear.") He believed the future would vindicate him fully, but he certainly would never seek vindication beyond the voice of the Irish people. (There's, Timothy Harrington, in a speech which he made here last night, said that if the difficulty in the Irish party was a question of morals, the cause of morality would suffer grievously from the very men placed at the forefront of the Anti-Parnell faction—men who were doing their utmost to strike down the Irish leader. He then asked whether the bishops would guarantee the morality and integrity of Justin Met arthy.

Boutomic sur-Mer, Jac. 11—Mr. O'Brien will meet Mr. Dillon at Hove, where the two leaders will hold a conference.

Balfour, in behalf of the distressed poor of Ireland now amounts to the sum of £19,000.

Dublin, Jan. 11.—Messrs. Timothy Healy, Arthor O'Connor and Kenny arrived last night at Nenagh, Tipperary County. Their reception in the town was of a mixed character. The Parnellites were out in force, and they hooted vigorously at Mr. Healy and his companions. It is said that Healy was struck on the head with a stick, but received only a trifling minury. Speaking at a meettriffing injury. Speaking at a me-day, Mr. Healy complained th only a trifling injury. Speaking at a meeting to-day, Mr. Healy complained that all the sewage of Parnellism was poured out upon him because he insisted upon the auestion being threshed in the original cause of the demand for Parnell's retirement. Mr. Parnell, he said, was playing Mr. Chamberlain's game in Limerick, by declaring that Mr. Gladston would give nothing that would satisfy Ireland. The meeting was much disturbed by the Parnellites in the crowd.

ARCHRISHOP LOGUE DEFIES PARNELL. Armagh, Jan. 11.-The Rev. Michael Logue, Arch bishop of the Diocese of Armath and Primate of all Ireland, replying to an address of welcome on his return from Rome, declared that the bishops and priests of Ireland would have nothing to do with any compromise in regard to Mr. Parnell's retirement until he married Mrs. O'Slea, and he defed Mr. Parnell and his followers to carry on the artistion against the

London, Jan. 12.—"The Dally News" declares that Mr. Parnell's assertions in his speech at Limerick in regard to the letter sent by him to Cecil Rhodes were regard to the letter sent by him to Cecil Rhodes were to Mr. Rhodes, it says, was

nell's game. A few more services of the same kind and Mr. O'Brien may return to Ireland without the slightest danger of being arre-tet." "Mr. Parnell's concluding offer," adds "The News," "Is an impudent offer to reopen negotiations already finally closed."

THIRTEEN DROWNED IN FIRTH OF FORTH. A DISASTROUS COLLISION BETWEEN THE STEAMERS BHAR AND BRITTANIA.

London, Jan. 11.-The steemer Brittania, from Leith, came into collision with the steamer Bear, launch a boat or make any effort whatever to went down with the vessel and nothing was seen

SUCCESS OF THE NEW LOAN IN FRANCE. CONGRATUDATIONS PROM ALL QUARTERS PREF

ERENCE! TO SMALE INVESTORS.

London, Jan. 12. Advices from Zanzibar are to the offert that the route to the Victoria Nyanza is again mesesure. The blance for this state of affairs is laid upon Emin Parks.

PORTUGUESE MINISTER TO ENGLAND. London, Jan. 11. Senhor Several, servetory of the Portugues Legation here, his been appointed Mic-

THRETY HURT IN A RAILEGAD ACCIDENT. London, Jan. 11. News of a serious, atthough to fatch, railway accident was received from bolton to day. At midwight on saturday night, during the pre-afence of a heavy for, the scotch Walland expre-

APPOINTED ARCHEFUOD OF YORK. London, Jan. 11.—The Pishop of Peterboreugh hy been appointed Archbishop of York.

A LEGISLATURE ABJUSTERN IN ANTI-PROAR Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 11 (Special).-The Wyomi meet Mr. Dillon at Havre, where the two leaders will hold a conference.

Mr. O'Brien denies the truth of a New-York cable dispatch published in London allering that there had been a dispute between himself and Mr. Dillon. He said: "He and I have been acting in concert all along, and will continue to do so. Mr. O'Brien added that the only thing he was at Hberty to may concerning his interview with Messrs. McCarthy and Sexton was that the ponsultation had strengthened his hope that a satisfactory conclusion would be arrived at.

London, Jan. 11.—The fund started by Lord Zetland, the Irisk Viceror, and Chief Secretary Balfour, in behalf of the distressed poer of Ireland now amounts to the sum of £19.000. required a two thirds vote. A diagen members we on the floor of once labeling on the question. It speaker was unable to maintain order and the Sergest at Arms was powerless. The est illement because greater when a call for a reading of the indersement in the bill was hader, and one was read which included that it had been read a second fine. Represents the label readed that it had been read a second fine. Represents the label readed that it had been read a second fine. Represents the label of the form him, and carried it around the hall showing the the indorsement had been interinceted, nearly writtened that indersement. The discovery of the trick turned son of the supporters of the bill, and a motion indefinitely to postpone its further consideration was carried and wild excitement. It is thought a specific session of the Lerislature will have to pass an apportionment bill before the next election.

CIGABETTES KILLED HIM.

William B. Eird, eighteen years old, died yesterday ome, No. 15 Stanton-st., on Friday. He was an exessive cigarette smoker and is said to have consume veral packs daily. He began the habit some ve-

GEORGE DE B. KEIM TO RESIGN.

Philadelphia, Jan. 11.—It is announced that George de E. Keim has declined a re-election as presi dent of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iro Company for the coming year, and that Mr. McLo

FROM PINE RIDGE.

THE ENTIRE BODY OF HOSTILE INDIANS CAMP WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THE AGENCY-

rille, Neb. (by special courier).-Another night

itting Bear, Lazzie Stiting Bear, Jennie Thunder Boll. Emily Cloud, a relative of Bed Cloud. They were induced to leave by their relatives and in securing the return of the runaways. Yester-day and to-day were observed with little atten-tion to religious duties. At this place there are two churches—the Presbyterian, the pastor of which is the Eav. Mr. Sterling, and the Church he Roy, C. S. C. St. In the Government schools receives are held cenerally by the Cat turch fifteen wounded women and children lay, me at the point of death and all in poin, the en tern from their places and on either side of while in the chair three hostiles mouncil in mis-ery. On the lectern were rells of bandages, needs of lint and cloth which had served to stanch the flow of blood from the wounded victims. This lecture was presented to the church by Calvary Church of New-York, and at it had officiated the Rey, A. J. Southard, the Rey, F. L. Hawks, be Rev. Cleveland Coxe and the Rev. E. A. Washarn. Neither of these worthy men, nor those the succeeded them, doubtless ever imagined and this would be one of the uses to which the lesk should be put in this distant country. The ally long with evergreers, reminiscent of the "hristmostide-the period of peace and of goodwill, which was made memorable here by the blood spilled. There was, of course, no service n the church to-day, for the little place was even up to the care of the miserable, irrespective

d membership within its folds. In the school Father Jube said mass and de ivered a short sermon. One-half of the worship pers were Indians, among whom was Red Cloud The old chief knelt and rose up, made his genu dexions and crossed himself like the others pres ent. Throughout he held an English prayer-book, which, however, he was unable to read. He de coted his attention to the pictures of the sev eral parts of the mass, many of which he could searcely distinguish because of his ailing sight. In an adjoining room Associated Press correspondent found the Rev ather Crafts, who was a bed on Wou ded Knee the is recovering rapidly from his injuries, and, though not a strong man, promises to survive on his breast hung the heautiful medal of the Order of Sons of the Recolution, which he had received from the Commandery of New-York, of which he is a member. This zealous young man is a descend int of the Mohawk Nation, and addresses the Indians about here as brothers and esters.

Licatenant Taylor, in command of the scouts as sent out one of his band to ascertain where he hostiles are, and, it possible, to ascertain their

the hostiles are, and, if possible, to ascertain their number.

The writer to-day visited the Ogallalla school and ascertained that the boys of the institution were insufficiently clad. It was said that this was the result of delay by Congress in making appropriations, and the still further delay on the part of somebody clse in furthering the appropriation. Quite an amount of cost ing material has been sent to the issue clerk's quarters, but there it has remained. Neither could it be used until all the material intended for this school had arrived; when that would be, the writer's informant could not tell. Instead of sending to the agency clothes made according to requisition.

2°ARNELUS SIMERICK SPEECH.

written in 1888, and therefore forms no proof in the matter at issue.

Regarding Mr. O'Brien, "The News' says: "With the best intentions in the world, he has played Parnell's game. A few more services of the same kind nell's game. A few more services of the same kind nell's game. A few more services of the same kind nell's game. A few more services of the same kind opening of the winter. The MOSTILES COMING IN.

GENERAL MILES SENDS CHEERING NEWS opening of the winter. The Most intentions in the constant into saits, which will require weeks to accomplish. As a consequence the boys are still without the clothing which they should have received at the opening of the winter. The MOSTILES COMING IN. ron says that they have little or no under-

matron says that tary wear.

Lieutenant Britens, 6th Cavalry, came in to-day and amounced that Colonel Henry's command had moved on White River seven miles mearer the agency. This command is accompanied by four companies of the 2d Infantry under Colonel Wheaton. Leutenant Betters atmounces that the hostlies are about ten miles to the left of the command, which is now matching to this noint, or a distance of about aftern miles. General

point, or a distance of about diffeen miles. General Brooke marche? about six miles to-day, and his position on White Ciay has been taken by Colonel Office. These two commands will follow the Indians and are now only six miles behind them. Lieutenant Bettens also reports that the Indians are moving slowly to this point.

Captain Pierce, successor to Agent Boyer, after several deavs, arrived to-day. He is a tall, pleasant man, one who seems to be disposed to do his duty in a quiet and mostentatious manner. He has mist refinquished work in the recruiting service at Minneapons. He said that he had not had experience in this vicinity before, but he had considerable among the San Carlos Indians lie had got along

ute, and then said: "I do not want to say anything on the subject now. I will talk to you later about the matter, when I shall have time to give

send them on the agency in charge of an escort

OPERINTENDENT PRATT CRITICISES THE EXIST

Pratt, superintendent of the Indian school at Carlisle, selectives somewhere between \$4,500 and \$5,000 at trip. This was the statement made to the Commberst, on "The Indlane." In part he said:

On New Year's Day I colled to pay my respects to be secretary of War and met the Inspector teneral of the Anna's who in the secretary's presence, spood of Carlese students being among the ghost dancers had some of them at Pine filler were in a position to be a consecuted in the carles and across the Potential States between 18-0 and 18-0. They and their children are with as and part of as today, entering the public ached systems, acatiering minors our people, coming icts the covirement of our institutions. They abands and their thousand already in America, two hundred and title thousand already in America were ladiate ten years are, and are still indiant, because we will not allow the environment of our American civilization that we allow the others. Sin pose those 5,000 000 forecares, in tend of being sectioned over the country, had been sent to reservations, while they have node a sy progress in becoming Americans. If it souls when we allow them to congregate in bodies that they cive us any trouble, scattered and in contact with our away people they become of us. The policy of the charches to create Indian communities, instead of inviting the Indian into our community, is at the bottom of most of our difficulties, was also as a subject of the Colony and share in all social and political posithers. But the Church people favored Indian communities and they do to day. What we must do is to breaden the policy of inviting the Indians to come into our communities. It has been a great slaces at Carlisle. The system shows there is little more difficulty in making English spraking, Industriens, civilized men and women of Indians than there is preaching the same conditions with our foreign immogrants.

AN INDIAN MURDERER LYNCHED. Olympia, Wash., Jan. 11. Information has been re-ceived that one of the Indians implicated in the mur-der of the freighter Coles, several weeks ago in Chanon County, was taken from just Thursday night and lynched. A Catholic priest warned the settlers that indignation can high among the Okanogon Indians and that the year held four councils and it was likely they would so on the waspath. The toverner of Washing-ton has been a lacd for 500 stands of arms and ammu-nation. Two hundred stands will be sent.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR SETTLERS. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 11.—A "Triffune" dispatch com Grand Forks, N. D., says: "At 4 o'clock this

norning Lientenant Gray, Troop B, stationed at Bot-mean, wired Adjatun occural Devoy for arms and am-amplion to arm the citizens of the Turtle Monntain disdred warriors from Oak Lake reservation are within ten miles of hottinean, armed and mounted. At 2 this

WEST INDIAN COMMERCE.

SHALL THE AMERICAN FLAG BE FURLED?

CONDITION OF THE CARRYING TRADE IN THE ANTILLES AND BAHAMAS-COMPETITION

WITH SUBSIDIZED LINES-THE TRUE AMERICAN POLICY. FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNF.)

Nassau, N. P., Jan. 6.-This is the northernmost gateway of the large group of islands known from the time of Columbus as the West Indies. This tropical archipelago, comprising the innumerable coral reefs of the Bahamas, the four Greater Antilles and the Leeward and Windward groups of the Lesser Antilles, flanks one of the three Americas and links together the other two. The main lines of communication between the United States in the recent international conference at Washington run through the West Indies. St. Thomas is the coaling station and Barbados the last port of call for steamships plying between New-York and Brazil. Vessels in the Venezuelan trade pass between Puerto Rico and Santo Domingo, Havana is the half-way station between New-York and Vera Cruz. Nassau, Santiago, Jamaica and the ports of Hayti are not only in the track of steam communication between New-York and the Colom bian and Central American coasts, but also within the lines of the vast expansion of intercontinental trade that is destined to follow the completion of the Nicaraguan Canal and the opening of a direct water route to Australia and the west coast of South America. If the three Americas are to lations in consequence of the international conference and the reciprocity policy adopted by the present Congress, there will be inevitably an improvement of mail communications and a development of transportation facilities with the West

Indies. This makes a series of letters on the ex-

isting conditions of the carrying trade and the

With the exception of Hayti, which is divided

prospects of reciprocity timely.

into two autonomous native States, all the islands forming the broken and irregular causeway that connects the two continents belong to European nations. England and Spain hold the great mass of this intermediate territory, and France, Denmaining islands. The flags of maritime Europe approaches and defences are constantly seen in the waters of the West Indies and are kept there mainly through State aid. Of the nineteen republics participating in the United States alone competes with Europe under its own flag for the control of the West There are five American steamthese, the Pacific Mail and the Red D lines, make no intermediate stops in the voyages to the Isthmus and Venezuela. A third, the United States Barbados on the way to and from Rio and Santos. This is the only direct connection under the American flag with the Lesser Antilles, with the single exception of Curacoa, which is one of the calling five steamers, run with regularity to the ports of Hayti and Santo Domingo. The New-York and President. To a corre-inted Fress one of the Cuba Mail, in addition to the Mexican service only said: "The story with four steeners and a few tenders has three with four steamers and a few tenders, has three in the south coast trade of Cuba. The last line runs through the Bahamas, stopping at Nassau on the way to and from Santiago and Cienfuegos, The West India service under the American flag five of the smaller islands. Jamaica and all the other islands are reached from American ports, the latter are radical | if at all, under foreign flags. There are a few American steamers plying between Gulf ports and bulk of this carrying trade is under the English flag. The north coast of Colombia, with the excention of Colon, is brought into communication with American ports by foreign lines.

> It is important to note the conditions of competition and Government patronage under which rival of the Ward steamers in the Cuban trade is an enterprising and very extensive Spanish 100 per annum. This bounty is distributed among many branches of service, but every vessel of the line plying between New-York and Havana reyear by a responsible witness, and it was not called in question. Each of these rival vessels receives for a single voyage four times as much as is paid to the Wards for the entire mail service with the Bahamas, Cuba and Mexico in the course of a year. Lest this may seem an exaggeration, I quote the official flaures. For the fiscal year, ending in 1889 the amount paid to the American line for mail transportation to the countries named \$1,138.97. The Red D Line, which is exposed to competition from the same Spanish company as well as from two other subsidized lines in the direct New-York trade, received during the same period the beggarly sum of \$5,774.55 for a trimonthly service. The Clyde lines for a similar service with Hayti and Santo Domingo were paid \$1,614 to in a single year.

These are facts which do not require much comment. Foreign Governments to-day are heavily subsidizing lines plying exclusively between New-York and the West Indies and the Spanish Main, The effect of competition of this kind with European Treasury grants behind it will inevitably be destructive to the few American lines remaining in the foreign carrying trade. The question is one that ought to excite patriotic feeling. Is this fereign raiding of American commerce-the referent of it that is still affoat-to continue iadefinitely without the enactment of defensive and

protective measures for the commercial marine?

In order to emphasize this point, let me add to the aggregate sum, \$8,528 ??, paid for mail transportation to the three American companies just mentioned, \$13,722 90 received by the Brazil Line and \$34,160 84 by the Pacific Mail for the Isthmas service, and \$46,411.96 will represent the amount of money doled out from the richest National Treasury on earth in aid of the American commercial marine of the West Indies. Add to this once more the allowances made to American steamers on the Pacific for the same purpose, and the total sum paid in 1889 for the interest of the American flag on the high seas will be found to be \$109,828. Compare with this aggregate the amount paid by the British Government for West India mail service to a single corporation, the Royal Mail, in 1888, as shown by the official balance-sheet. That was \$550,000. Or compare it again with the total amount paid by the same again with the total amount paid by the same Government for mail transportation to English ships in 1889. That was \$3,184,425—a goodly sum indeed, but barely more than one-half of the annual subsidy paid by Great Britain twenty years ago, when its commercial marine was to be built up at the expense of American shipping interests, shattered by war risks and the Alabana's piratical raids. Even then the comparison is Licomplete, for England is not maritime Europe. Spain's shipping subsidies are largely used for the destruction of the American carrying trace with the West Indies. France pays a heavy bounty to three lines running from the Isthmus to its own ports. Germany and Holland also subsidies steamship lines in the same quarter. Every American line carrying the flag to or through the West Indies has to compete with rivals whose in-American line carrying the hag to be informed when Indies has to compete with rivals whose interests are protected at home, whereas it is required to take the United States made for a pitance made just for keeping the engines properly offed. Under these conditions of rivalry with

maritime Europe, the cause for wonder is not that the commercial marine has reached its present stage of decadence, but rather that there is any